

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original) A method for providing a referential interface to enable commercial interaction between entities in a computerized marketplace, said method comprising the steps of:

- creating a profile document between a first entity and a second entity containing correspondence information for said second entity;

- creating a stipulations document associated with said profile document, containing business processes to be followed in said interaction;

- creating a command reference document associated with said stipulations document, referencing commands representing business logic of said second entity in support of said processes; and

- integrating said second entity into said marketplace by deploying said profile document in said computerized marketplace to enable said commercial interaction between said first entity and said second entity.

Claim 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of integrating further comprises the step of using said information from said profile document, said processes from said stipulations document and said commands referenced by said command reference document.

Claim 3 (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said first entity is a manufacturer and said second entity is a distributor.

Claim 4 (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of integrating further comprises the steps of:

- creating a distributor proxy store for said distributor;

creating a distributor proxy store default profile document associated with said distributor proxy store; and

said distributor proxy store default profile references a profile document for said distributor in a channel store.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said referential interface is a command reference object interface implemented by said distributor proxy store.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said referential interface command reference document refers to a series of customizable commands representing a business logic implementation of said distributor.

Claim 7 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said referential interface command reference document specifies authentication and timeout settings for said business logic implementation.

Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said profile document specifies a messaging profile for said distributor.

Claim 9 (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said referential interface has a property of being at least one of customizable and extensible.

Claim 10 (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said profile document is an XML based document.

Claim 11 (original) The method of claim 10, wherein manipulation of said referential interface causes an action to be performed for said distributor, said action selected from a group of add distributor, delete distributor and reconfigure distributor.

Claim 12 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said computer system comprises a node within a plurality of nodes interconnected by a network allowing said first entity and said second entity to be located on differing nodes while interacting over said network.

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said distributor is one of a plurality of distributors.

Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein each said distributor has its own profile document.

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